

## DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS



## No, it isn't as quiet as Father imagines

# The AUCTION BLOCK

## REX BEACH

Here we have the tale of a young woman who is thrust by her greedy and lazy family into a world of human vultures to win a fortune with her personal charms. But she surprises them all with her fine traits of character. Her struggles and constant danger are frightening, but she brings help and happiness to men and women who need it much. This is a story with strong pulse.

## SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Peter Knight, defeated for political office in his town, decides to venture New York in order that the family fortunes might benefit by the expected rise of his charming daughter, Lorelei.

CHAPTER II—A well-known critic interviews Lorelei Knight, now stage beauty with Bergman's Revue, for a special article. Her coin-hunting mother outlines Lorelei's ambitions, but Stinson, the press agent, later adds his information.

CHAPTER III—Lorelei attends Millionaire's gorgeous entertainment. She meets Merkle, a wealthy dyspeptic, who seems fond of scandal.

"I suppose you know she's making a fool of him? I suppose you realize what it means when a woman of her stamp gets a man with money in her power? You must know all there is to know from the outside; it occurred to me that you might also know something about the inside of the affair. Do you?"

"I'm afraid not. All I've heard is the common gossip.

"There's a good deal here that doesn't show on the surface. That woman is a menace to a great many people, of whom I happen to be one."

"You speak as if she were a dangerous character, and as if she had deliberately entangled him," Lorelei said.



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defendently. "As a matter of fact, she did nothing of the sort; she avoided him as long as she could, but he persisted, he persecuted her until she was forced to accept him. Men of his wealth can do anything, you know."

"She had scruples?"

"No more than the rest of us, I presume. She gave her two weeks' notice because he annoyed her; but before the time was up Bergman took a hand. He sent for her one evening, and when she went down there was Mr. Hamilton, too. When she came upstairs she was hysterical. She cried and laughed and cursed—it was terrible."

"Crucious," murmured the man, staring at the object of their controversy. "What did she say?"

"Oh, nothing connected. She called him every kind of a monster, accused

him of every crime from murder to—

"Murder!" the banker started.

"He had made a long fight to beat her down, and she was unstrung. She seemed to have a queer physical aversion to him."

"Humph! She's got nobly over that."

"I've told you this because you seemed to think she's to blame, when it is all Mr. Hamilton's doing."

"It's a peculiar situation—very. You're interested me. In a way I don't blame him for seeking amusement and happiness where he can find it, and yet—I'm afraid of the result."

"The city is full of Samsons, and most of them have their Dillahs."

Merkle agreed. "These men put Hamilton where he is. I wonder if they will let him stay there. It depends upon that girl yonder."

He turned to answer a question from Hannibal Wharton, and Lorelei gave her attention to the part of the entertainment which was beginning on the stage. Of a sudden the clamor was silenced, and indifference gave place to curiosity, for the music had begun the introduction of one of Adoree Demorest's songs. Lorelei had never seen this much-discussed actress, whose wickedness had set the town agog, and her first impression was vaguely disappointing. Miss Demorest's beauty was by no means remarkable. She was animated, audacious, vividly alive in a daring costume of solid black, against and through which her limbs flashed with startling effect as she performed her famous Danse de Nuit.

"Hm-m! Nothing very extreme about that," remarked Merkle, at length. "It would be beautiful if it were better done."

Lorelei agreed. She had been staring with all a woman's intentness at this sister whose strength consisted of her frailty, and now inquired:

"How does she get away with it?"

"By the power of suggestion, I dare say. Her public is looking for something devilish, and discovers whatever it chooses to imagine in what she says and does."

Hannibal Wharton had changed his seat, and regardless of the dancer, began a conversation with Merkle. After a time Lorelei heard him say:

"It cost me five thousand dollars to pay for the damage those boys did. They threatened to jail Bob, but of course I didn't allow that."

"I remember. That was five years ago, and Bob hasn't changed a whit. I think he's a menace to society."

Wharton laughed, but his reply was lost in the clamorous demand for an encore by Miss Demorest.

"So he gets his devilment from you, eh?" Merkle inquired.

"It isn't devilment, a fact's all right. He's running with the fast crowd, and he has to keep up his end."

"Bah! He hasn't been sober in a year."

"You're a dyspeptic, John. You were born with a gray beard, and you're not growing younger. He wanted to come to this party, but—I didn't care to have him for obvious reasons, so I told Hamilton to refuse him even if he asked. He bet me a thousand dollars he'd come anyhow, and I've been expecting him to overpower those door-men or creep up the fire escape."

"Where did you learn those Argentine wiggles?"

"Hard times are to blame, dad. The old men on the exchange play golf all day, and the young ones turkey-trot all night. I stay up late in the hope that I may find a quarter that some suburbanite has dropped."

"The elder men rose and sauntered away in the direction of their host, whereupon Bob winked.

"They're all us flat, why? Because the wicked Miss Demorest has finally made her appearance as a

guest. My dad is a splendid shock absorber. Naughty, naughty papa!"

"It's probably well that you came with her; fathers are so indiscreet."

Young Wharton signaled to a waiter who was passing with a wine bottle and a napkin.

"Tarry," he cried. "Remove the shroud, please, and let me look at poor old Rodger. Thanks. How natural he tastes." Then to Lorelei: "The governor is a woman later, but no man is safe in range of your liquid orbs. Miss Knight. Wouldn't mother enjoy reading the list of Hammon's guests at this party? Among those present were Mr. Hannibal C. Wharton, the well-known rolling-mill man; Miss Lorelei Knight, principal first-act fairy of the Bergman Revue, and Miss Adoree Demorest, the friend of a king. A good time was had by all, and the diners enjoyed themselves very nice." He laughed loudly, and the girl stirred.

"She'd be pleased to read also that you came late, but highly intoxicated."

"Ah! Salvation Nell! Bob took no offense. 'If the hour was late she'd know my intoxication followed as a matter of course. I am a derivative of alcohol, the one and infallible argument against temperance, Miss Knight.'

"You talk as if you were always drunk."

"Oh—not always. By day I am frequently sober, but at such times I am fit company for neither man nor beast; I am harsh and unsympathetic; I scheme and I connive. With nightfall, however, there comes a metamorphosis. Once I am stocked up with ales, wines, liquors and cigars, I become a living, palpitating influence for good, spreading happiness and prosperity in my wake."

"Do you consider yourself in such a condition now?" queried Lorelei, vaguely amused.

"I am, and, since it is long past the closing hour of one and the tango parlors are dark, suppose we blow this 'Who's Who in Pittsburgh' and taxi-cab out to a roadside where the bass fiddle is still inhabited and the second generation is trotting to the 'Robert E. Lee'?"

(TO BE CONTINUED)

NOTICE TO PROVE CLAIM

H. M. Kelly, Attorney.

Estate of ELIJAH GOULD KNIGHT, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administratrix of the estate of Elijah Gould Knight, late of the County of La Salle and State of Illinois, deceased, will appear before the Probate Court of said County, on the first Monday (being the 2nd day) of July, 1917, at the Probate Court room, in Ottawa, in said County, when and where all persons having claims or demands against said estate are notified to attend and present the same in writing for adjustment.

Dated the 15th day of May, A. D. 1917.

ADA L. KNIGHT, Administratrix.

NOTICE.

Estate of Patrick McGrath, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Patrick McGrath, late of the County of La Salle and State of Illinois, deceased, will appear before the Probate Court of said County, on the first Monday (being the second day) of July, 1917, at the Probate Court room, in Ottawa, in said County, when and where all persons having claims or demands against said estate are notified to attend and present the same in writing for adjustment.

Dated the 1st day of May, A. D. 1917.

JAMES J. McGRATH, Administrator.

NOTICE.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1888.

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"Shall the board of directors of this company be increased from three to five members?"

Said special meeting will be held at the principal place of business of said company at Utica, Illinois, on June 4th, A. D. 1917, at the hour of 8:30 A. M. on said day and just prior to the regular annual stockholders' meeting of said company.

You are requested to be present at said special meeting.

JULIA C. LOVE, HOWARD C. GARY, CHARLES J. McHENRY, Directors.

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed bids will be received for the construction of the improvement of the Down Town Pavement, etc., of the City of Ottawa, by the Board of Local Improvements and the Council of the City of Ottawa until the 25th day of May, A. D. 1917, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at the city offices in the Central Life Building, in said City of Ottawa, Illinois; at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened.

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The contractor shall be paid in advance, bearing the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum.

No bids will be received unless the party offering it, shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board of Local Improvements that he has the necessary facilities, ability and pecuniary resources to fulfill the conditions of the contract and execute the work, should the contract be awarded to him.

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